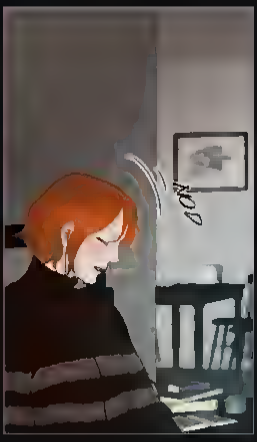
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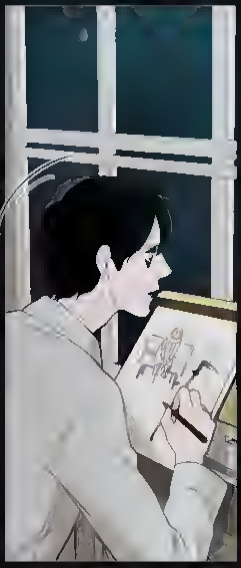

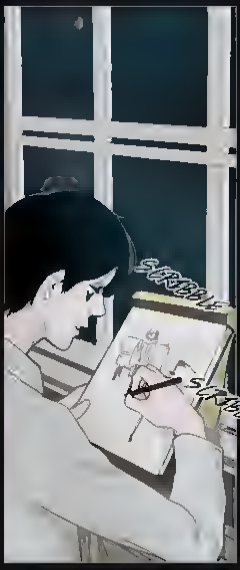
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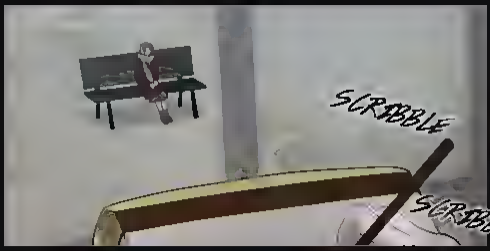
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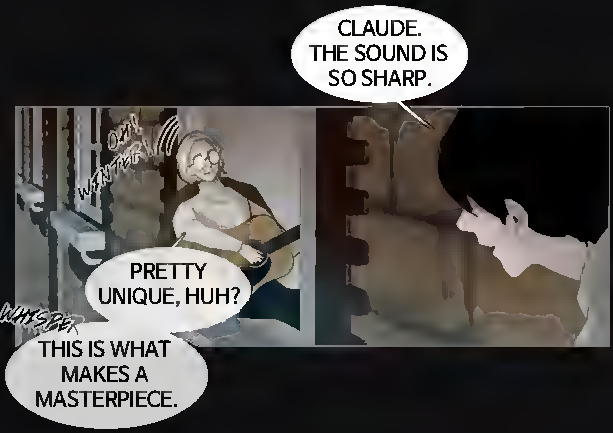
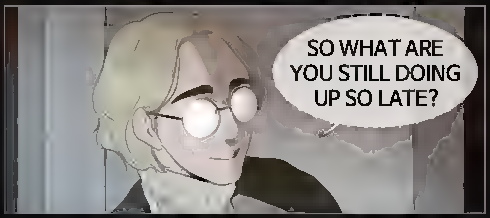
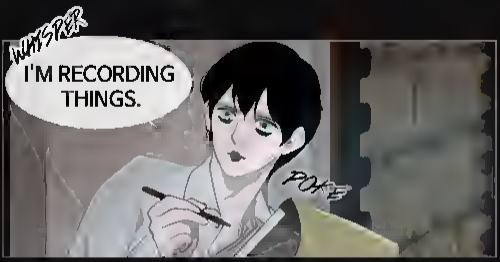

CLAUDE. THE SOUND IS SO SHARP.
Ooh, what a
PRETTY UNIQUE, HUH?
WHISPER
THIS IS WHAT MAKES A MASTERPIECE.

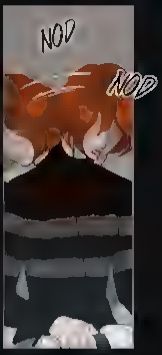

SO WHAT ARE YOU STILL DOING UP SO LATE?


WHISPER
I'M RECORDING THINGS.
POKE

OH, RECORDING! I LIKE RECORDING THINGS TOO!
BUT I RECORD SOUNDS.
I SEE.

...BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT GIRL'S DOING DOWN THERE?
I'M NOT SURE.
I THOUGHT SHE WAS A GHOST OR SOMETHING.
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S GONNA FREEZE TO DEATH!

THERE ARE A LOT OF STRANGE PEOPLE OUT THERE.
I'VE GOTTA LEAVE FOR WORK SOON BUT I'M AFRAID OF RUNNING INTO HER.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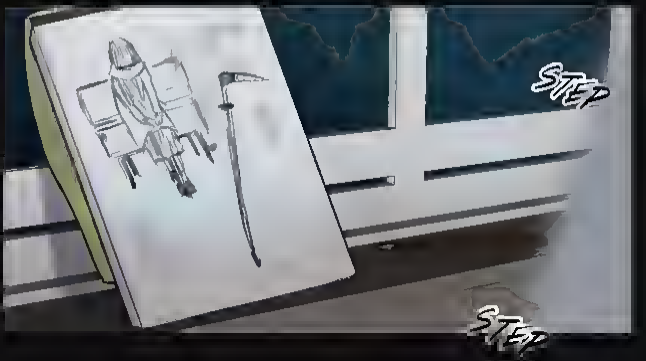
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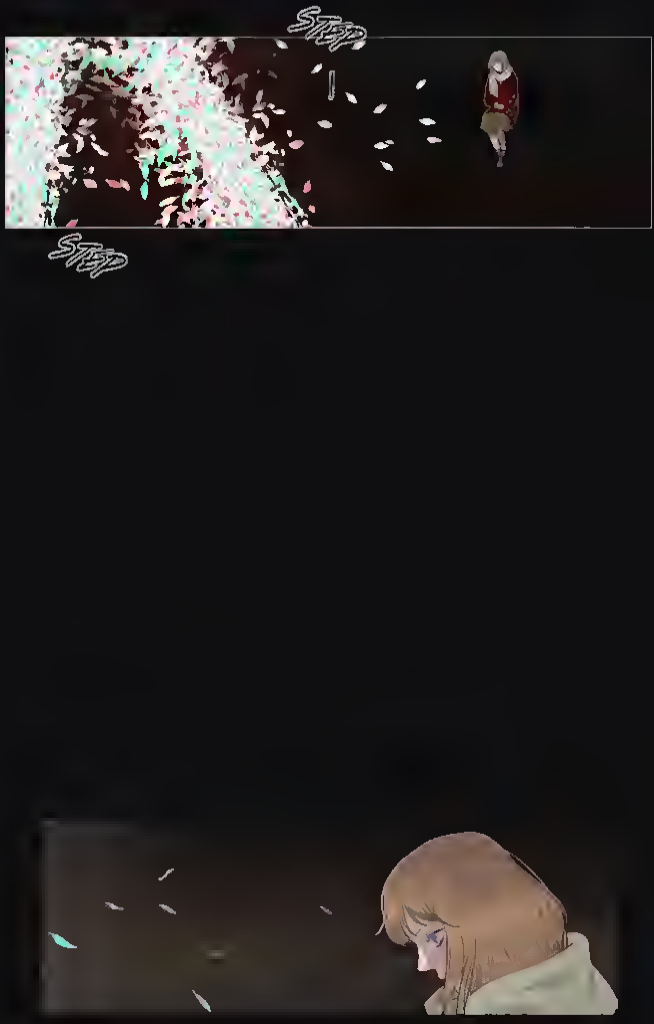
STEP
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ZOE?

IS THAT YOU?
ACHE
ACHE

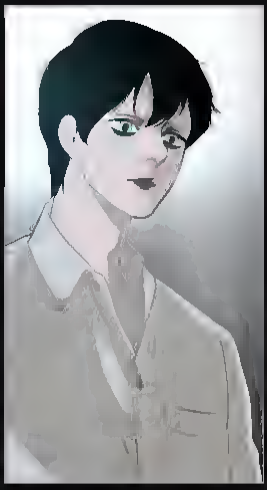
PLUMP

THERE'S NO
ONE HERE.

REACH
REACH

GRAB
PLEASE.

STOP THE PERSON
THAT JUST WENT BY.



THERE'S NO ONE THERE WHERE YOU'RE POINTING AT.
THAT CAN'T BE! I'M SURE HE WENT BY.

I CAN SEE.
I'M SURE OF IT..!
NO. THERE'S REALLY NO ONE
BUT...

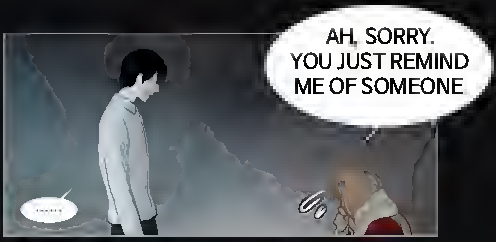
Sigh
HOLD ON TO ME- I'LL HELP YOU TO A BENCH
Really
THANK YOU.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO HELPED ME BEFORE, RIGHT?
SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS.
.....

WHY DIDN T YOU FEEL DESPAIR?
YOU LOST SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO YOU
WHAT?
... DO YOU MEAN MY CANE?
JANE TOLD ME WHEN PEOPLE LOSE PRECIOUS THINGS, THEY FALL INTO DESPAIR
SHE SAID IT S EVEN HARD FOR THEM TO GET ON WITH THEIR DAILY LIVES.

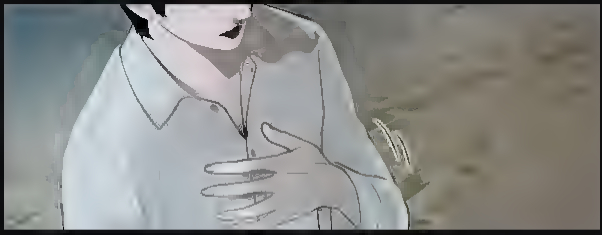
THEN I GUESS I MUST'VE MISSPOKEN.
THE CANE I LOST ISN'T PRECIOUS— IT'S IMPORTANT.
IT'S HARD GETTING AROUND WITHOUT IT BUT IT WON'T KILL ME.

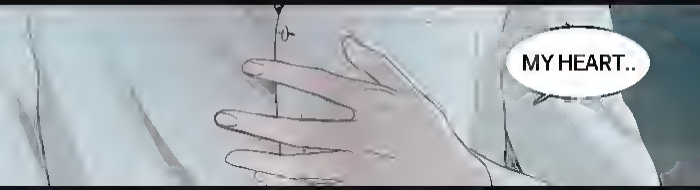
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LOSE SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
EVEN THOUGH JANE EXPLAINED IT TO ME-
GIGGLE-


AH, SORRY.
YOU JUST REMIND
ME OF SOMEONE.

ACTUALLY,
THE PERSON
I'M WAITING FOR
RIGHT NOW IS
PRECIOUS TO ME.
I DON'T THINK
I COULD LIVE
WITHOUT HIM.

A PRECIOUS THING IS LIKE
SOMETHING THAT'S A PART OF YOU...
LIKE YOUR OWN HEART..



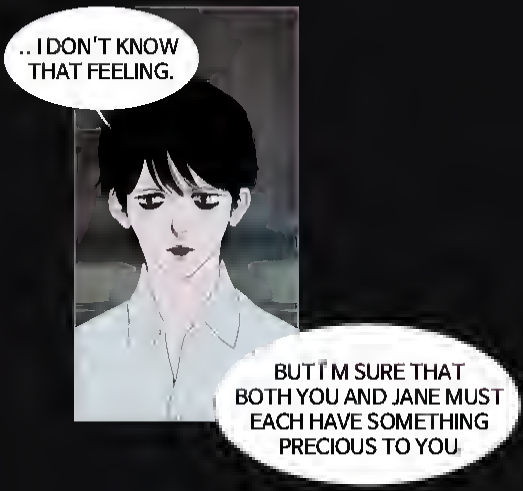

MY HEART..

THINK ABOUT IT.
YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR HEART, RIGHT?

EVEN IF YOU DO, YOU WON'T FEEL ALIVE.
I THINK THAT'S DESPAIR.

SO LIVING BUT NOT BEING ALIVE...
1001
IS DESPAIR?
YEAH...
FINDING A PRECIOUS THING OR PERSON IS A VERY HAPPY THING
BUT IT CAN ALSO BE SCARY

WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?


.. I DON'T KNOW THAT FEELING.
BUT I'M SURE THAT BOTH YOU AND JANE MUST EACH HAVE SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO YOU

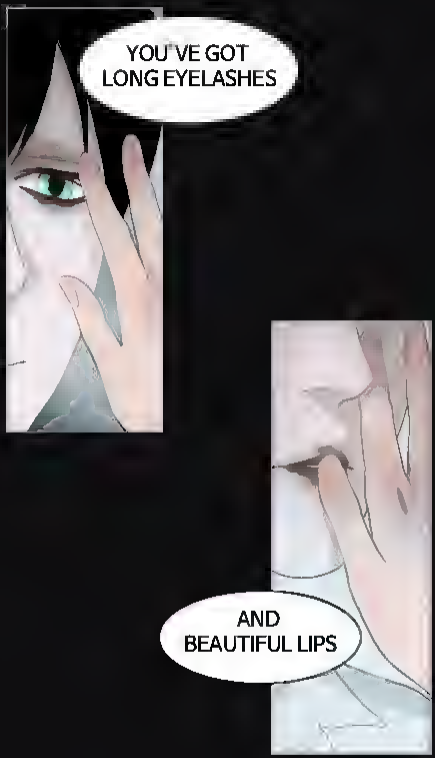
EVERYONE'S GOT AT LEAST ONE PRECIOUS THING.
AND THERE MAY BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING SOMETHING PRECIOUS AND BEING PRECIOUS TO SOMEONE. BUT THEY'RE NOT SEPERATE THINGS

THEN IF I...
HAVE SOMETHING PRECIOUS LIKE YOU OR JANE, COULD I BE A PERSON TOO?

HM?
YOU ALREADY
ARE A PERSON.
.....

REACH
EXCUSE ME.

YOUR SKIN MAY BE COLD BUT...


YOU'VE GOT
LONG EYELASHES
AND
BEAUTIFUL LIPS

I'M SURE YOU'RE A REMARKABLE PERSON.

... THANK YOU.

ACTUALLY,
I LIED TO YOU.
I WAS THE ONE
WHO TOOK YOUR
CANE AWAY.
...!!!

WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I WANTED TO SEE WHAT YOUR DESPAIR WOULD LOOK LIKE WHEN YOU LOST SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
I GUESS YOU FAILED TO SEE THAT, THEN.
YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY ARE A LOT LIKE HIM.

HE ALSO DOES ALL KINDS OF THINGS TO ME BECAUSE HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SEE ME SCARED.
ONE TIME, HE EVEN LOCKED ME IN THE ROOM I HATE MOST IN THE WORLD FOR FIVE DAYS.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT HE DOES, I'M NOT SCARED.
BECAUSE I KNOW.
THAT I'M A PRECIOUS PERSON TO HIM.
AND HE'LL NEVER HURT ME.

I'D BETTER GET GOING.

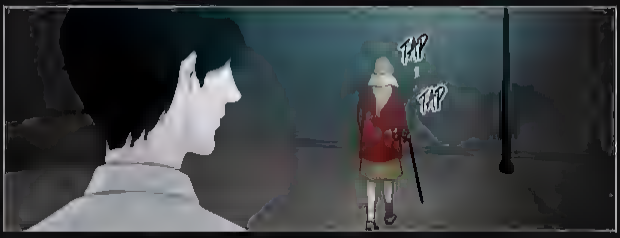
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

AH, I'M ADORA.

I'M GONNA BE HERE EVERY DAY SO I'LL BE SEEING YOU QUITE OFTEN.

I'M WINTER WOODS. JANE GAVE ME THAT NAME.
SHAKE
SHAKE
THAT'S A VERY PRETTY NAME, WINTER.

I HOPE YOU FIND SOMETHING PRECIOUS.
THEN YOU'LL SURELY FIND SOMEONE WHO'S PRECIOUS TO YOU.
WELL. SEE YOU NEXT TIME.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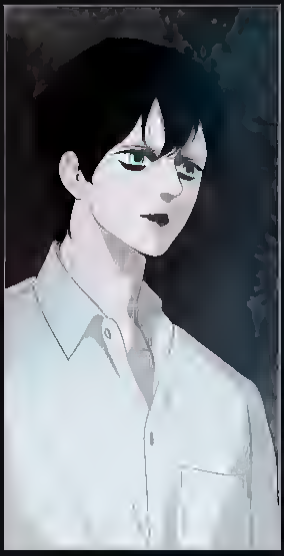

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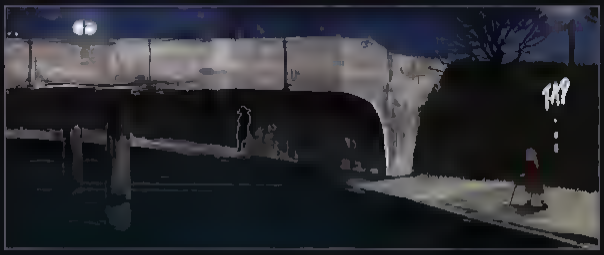
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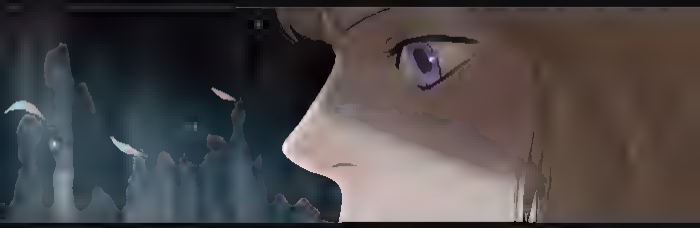

ZOE?